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State Superintendent Linda McCulloch Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Educators for OPI Talent Pool

State Superintendent Linda McCulloch is again seeking recommendations of outstanding educators for the OPI "Talent Pool".

The Talent Pool is a list of K-12 Montana educators who have been recommended to the Office of Public Instruction to be outstanding teachers, who have demonstrated exceptional instructional ability, have an inspiring presence, and exhibit professional leadership.

"From time to time we need educators to serve on committees, act as advisors or representatives, and to be used for award nominations. If an opportunity arises that matches an educator's talents, we will call on them to help," said Superintendent Linda McCulloch.

The educators on the list may be considered for membership by OPI on advisory boards and task forces, as well as candidates for special recognition programs.

Nominations must be confidential and the person being nominated must not know they are being considered. This year the talent pool focuses on recommendations for Middle and High School educators.

Recommendations should be made using the 2005 Talent Pool Nomination Form <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/superintendent/talentpool.html> which was enhanced to allow for on-line entry. The deadline for recommendations is May 20, 2005.

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